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Organizing Primary Sources, Project #2

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*Coming to America*: *The Story of Immigration* by Betsy Maestro

I chose to share this book because it’s a child-friendly introduction to the history of immigration to the United States. It also offers young readers a perspective on the heritage that all Americans share. I believe that books are an important way to share information in the classroom.

Virtual Field Trip: <http://www.scholastic.com/scholastic_thanksgiving/feast/slideshow.htm>

I like the idea of the virtual field trip because it allows our students to go on an exploration without leaving the classroom. In addition, this integrates technology into the classroom. This field trip allows students to see what it might have been like for the Pilgrims during that time. It also allows our students to revisit the days of thanksgiving for the Pilgrims. It shows students that our national holiday really stems from the feast held in autumn of 1621 by the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag to celebrate the colony’s first successful harvest.

Video Library: <http://www.history.com/shows/america-the-story-of-us/episodes>

Video resources are another useful tool in the classroom because they provide an intensive look at the people, places, and things that have shaped our nation. Although all of these episodes will not be covered in the lesson, this series allows you to choose which videos you want to show. This is just another great way to expand on the history of our nation.

**Additional Resources:**

Materials:

Variety of maps, including city, state, and world maps, and map of the United States

*A Place to Grow* by Soyung Pak

*I Was Dreaming to Come to* America by Ellis Island Oral History Project

*The Keeping Quilt* by Patricia Polacco

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<http://www.scholastic.com/browse/video.jsp?pID=1649964947&bcpid=1649964947&bclid=648832233001&bctid=648467399001>

Museums:

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/>

<http://www.gosmithsonian.com/museums/national-museum-of-american-history/>

Art Collections:

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/collections/subject_detail.cfm?key=32&colkey=1>

Music Collections:

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/collections/subject_detail.cfm?key=32&colkey=23>